

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: **Brown C**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to study the issue the primary care physician shortage.

Whereas, Indiana needs an additional 2,000 primary care physicians by 2020; and

Whereas, the number of medical students entering primary care residencies in Indiana and nationally continues to drop; and

Whereas, in 2008 the federal government designated 54% of Indiana's counties as Medically Underserved Areas; and

Whereas, in 2009 only 26 of IU School of Medicine graduates chose a family medicine residency and nationally only 2,329 students chose a family medicine residency; and

Whereas, evidence suggests that increased use of primary care physicians results in reduced hospitalizations, reduced spending, and improvements in morbidity and mortality rates;



therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to study the issue of the primary care physician shortage in 2009 with the intent to propose solutions to the 2010 General Assembly.

SECTION 2. That the commission shall operate under the direction of the legislative council and issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

